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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 9820 ACTION SECSTATE DTD 09 DEC 76.

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FOR AMB SCHAUFELE FROM WISNER

DEPT PASS BRUSSELS FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR RH UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: LETTER OF ASSURANCE TO NKOMO

REF: GENEVA 9811

1. DURING HIS MEETING WITH ME, NDHLOVU SUGGESTED
THAT NKOMO'S APPREHENSIONS ABOUT OUR MISUNDERSTANDING
OF POWER SHARING COULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH A MEETING
WITH THE SECRETARY IN LONDON OR A LETTER. HE HAS
JUST CALLED TO SAY THAT HE HAS CONSULTED NKOMO AND
NKOMO AGREES THAT A MEETING WOULD BE ILLADVISED.

2. NKOMO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A WRITTEN MESSAGE THAT HE

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WOULD TREAT WITH THE UTMOST DISCRETION. THE MESSAGE

NEED NOT BE LONG BUT IT SHOULD RESTATE OUR INTEREST
IN SEEING MAJORITY RULE ACHIEVED; OUR BELIEF THAT
THE PROCESS WHICH WOULD BEGIN WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WAS DESIGNED TO BEGIN TRANSFER
OF POWER; AND THAT THE AFRICAN PRESENCE IN THE
INTERIM GOVERNMENT WOULD BE THE MAJORITY PRESENCE.

3. COMMENT: I BELIEVE THAT NKOMO'S CONFUSION IS
SINCERELY BASED. IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THE TWO
TIER FRAMEWORK WILL BE PRESERVED IF HIS CONCERN IS
DISPELLED BUT THE EFFORT WOULD BE WORTH A TRY. IF
YOU AGREE THAT THE IDEA OF A LETTER HAS MERIT, I
WOULD BRING SUCH A DOCUMENT WITH ME WHEN I RETURN
TO GENEVA FROM LONDON. CATTO
UNQTE: ROBINSON

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